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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
 REVIEW AUTHORITY: ARCHIE M BOLSTER  
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2. SUMMARY: CHARGE SPOKE WITH DEFENSE MINISTER JUNE 29 STRESSING NEED TO MOVE FORWARD QUICKLY TO DEPLOY AN EXPANDED UNAMIR. WE INFORMED HIM THAT U.S. DEFENSE ATTACHE WAS PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH GAF ITS EQUIPMENT NEEDS. MINISTER IDDRISU SAID THAT PARTICIPATING IN RWANDA IN A PEACEKEEPING ROLE AS WELL AS THE SECURITY OF GHANAIA TROOPS WERE HIGH PRIORITIES. A VISITING RPF DELEGATION MET RECENTLY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ASAMOAH AND ASKED FOR GHANA'S BACKING OF AN RPF-LED GOVERNMENT IN RWANDA. ASAMOAH REPORTEDLY ADVISED THE RPF TO SUE FOR PEACE AND PUT AN END TO THE FIGHTING. END SUMMARY.

3. ON JUNE 29 CHARGE CONVEYED POINTS CONTAINED REF A TO MINISTER OF DEFENSE ALHAJI IDDRISU EMPHASIZING THE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD QUICKLY TO DEPLOY AN EXPANDED UNAMIR. WITH THIS IN MIND, CHARGE ALSO INFORMED THE MINISTER THAT ONE OF OUR DEFENSE ATTACHES BASED IN ABIDJAN WAS PREPARED TO TRAVEL TO ACCRA ON AN IMMEDIATE BASIS IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THE GAF'S EQUIPMENT NEEDS. THE MINISTER SAID THAT WHILE HE APPRECIATED THE DISPATCH OF

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OUR DEFENSE ATTACHE HE HOPED THAT THE PERSON WOULD BRING WITH HIM NEWS OF DELIVERY TIMES FOR EQUIPMENT WHICH THE GHANA ARMED FORCES DID NOT HAVE AND WHICH WAS ESSENTIAL TO THE SECURITY OF GHANAIA TROOPS IN RWANDA. PARTICIPATING IN RWANDA IN A PEACEKEEPING ROLE WAS A PRIORITY FOR THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID. AT THE SAME TIME, IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THE SECURITY OF THE GHANAIA CONTINGENT BE ASSURED. CHARGE EXPLAINED THAT WE WERE PREPARED TO REVIEW THE NATURE OF GAF NEEDS BUT THAT ULTIMATELY THE UN WOULD PROVIDE THE EQUIPMENT FOR AN EXPANDED UNAMIR.

4. CHARGE ALSO RELAYED TO THE MINISTER OUR DESIRE TO SEE THE FRENCH-LED OPERATION IN RWANDA SUCCEED AND ASKED WHETHER THE GOG, WHICH PRESUMABLY ALSO WANTED THE SAME THING, WOULD NOT BE SAYING AS MUCH PUBLICLY. IDDRISU DEMURRED SAYING THAT HE WOULD DEFER TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON THIS MATTER. IN A JUNE 28 CONVERSATION WITH THE MFA'S DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA AND OAU AFFAIRS, E.A. AMOAH-AWUAH, WE PRESSED FOR A GOG PUBLIC STATEMENT MAKING THE POINT THAT EFFORTS TO CONVINCE THE RPF THAT THE FRENCH INTERVENTION WAS A PURELY HUMANITARIAN OPERATION WAS ESSENTIAL AND WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE SECURITY OF OTHER TROOPS IN RWANDA,

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INCLUDING THOSE OF GHANA. AMOAH-AWUAH INDICATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE RELEASING A STATEMENT ON RWANDA. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, INDICATE THE NATURE OR TIMING OF THAT RELEASE.

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5. AMOAH-AWUAH ALSO REVEALED THAT ON JUNE 21 AN RPF DELEGATION MADE AN UNEXPECTED STOP IN ACCRA AND THAT  
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MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASAMOAH HAD MET WITH SETH SENADASHONGA, THE HEAD OF THE GROUP. THE RPF REPRESENTATIVE HAD ASKED FOR GHANA'S BACKING OF AN RPF-LED GOVERNMENT TO WHICH THE FOREIGN MINISTER APPARENTLY REPLIED THAT THE RPF WOULD BE BEST ADVISED TO SUE FOR PEACE. THE MINISTER REPORTEDLY TOLD HIS VISITORS THAT EVEN IF THE RPF WERE TO GAIN THE UPPER HAND MILITARILY, THE OTHER SIDE WOULD LIKELY ADOPT GUERILLA TACTICS LEADING IN THE END TO PROTRACTED FIGHTING. PRESS REPORTS FOLLOWING A JUNE 23 PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN BY THE RPF MADE NO MENTION OF A MEETING WITH GOG OFFICIALS.

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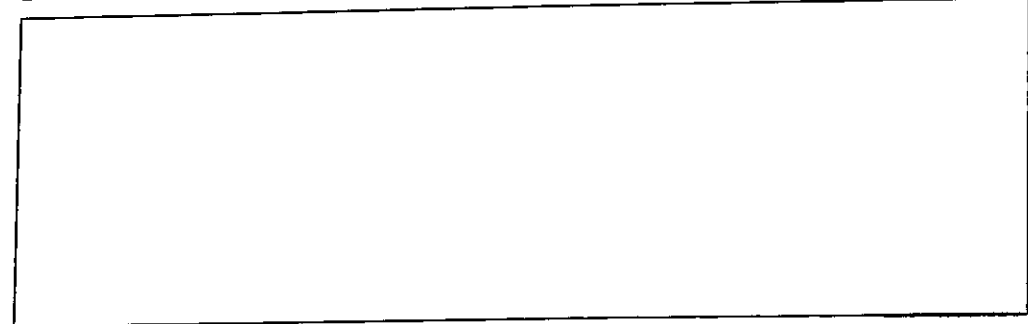
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